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SUBJ: SAHARA: POLISARIO CLAIMS

1. POLISARIO PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE AUGUST 22 CLAIMING TO HAVE LAUNCHED IMPORTANT ATTACKS ON ENEMY FORCES, SEVERAL SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF ARMS CAPTURED.

2. MAJOR CLASHES CLAIMED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT:

A - RAS KHANFRA, ON AUGUST 14. NO FIGURES FOR CASUALTIES GIVEN.  
B - AUGUST 16, SEBKAT LEBREIDLIA, THE POLISARIO CLAIMS TO HAVE DESTROYED THE ENEMY'S AMMUNITION DEPOT AND THE GAS RESERVES.  
C - THE POLISARIO CLAIMS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT: ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 18, THE SAHRAOUI OCCUPIED MAYETEG AND AMADELEBID IN MAURITANIA. 20 MAURITANIAN JUNIOR OFFICERS WERE CAPTURED AND 30 KILLED, AMONG THEM:  
- BRIGADIER BAHITI OULD TAGTAGADI AND SERGEANT FALL SALEM. THE POLISARIO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE DESTROYED ARMS AND VEHICLES: ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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MORTAR AND ONE MACHINE-GUN AND FOUR JEEPS AND ONE TRUCK. OTHER ARMS AND VEHICLES CLAIMED CAPTURED: 1 MERCEDES TRUCK, 1 LAND-ROVER, 4 MORTARS, 2 BAZOOKAS, 47 GUNS, 3 BROWNING MACHINE-GUNS AND 4 LEWIS GUNS.

D - ONE THE SAME DAY THE SAHRAOUI CLAIM TO HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE NORTHERN FRONT, NEAR TIFARITI AND TOUCCAT, IN MAURITANIA. NO FIGURES FOR CASUALTIES GIVEN.HAYNES

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